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CREATION OF ADDITIONAL MANDAYS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to create additional mandays in the State which are suffering from natural calamities;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether the food for work is being launched in the drought affected districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to providerelief to the affected people in the wake of natural calamities. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States. At present, the States of Gujarat (eathquake also), Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa,Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal are facing drought like situation/scarcity of water. These States have initiated relief works for providing employment opportunities to the affected people.

(c)&(d): Five lakh MTs of foodgrains have been released free of cost to the drought affected States for undertaking Food for Work Programme.